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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Pai:

I write to request an update regarding the "Petition for Waiver of Part 51 Access Charge and CAF-ICC Calculations" submitted by Panora Communications Cooperative and Prairie Telephone Co., Inc. on July 10, 2015.

It is important for the FCC to conduct a thorough investigation into any matter to fully understand and weigh benefits and challenges. At the same time, the waiver has been pending for almost 18 months and this delay hampered Panora Communications Cooperative's long-term planning ability and enhance service to customers. On behalf of my constituent, I request an update on the status of the waiver and urge the FCC to issue a timely decision on the issue at hand.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



David Young
Member of Congress

CC: The Honorable Michael O'Rielly
The Honorable Mignon Clyburn



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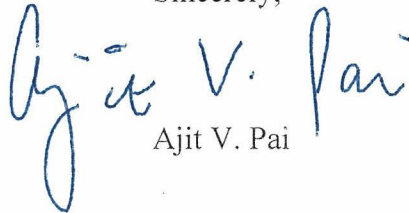
Dear Congressman Young:

Thank you for your letter regarding a petition filed by Panora Communications Cooperative (Panora) and Prairie Telephone Company, Inc. (Prairie) for a limited waiver of the Commission's intercarrier compensation revenue recovery rules for rate of return carriers. In your letter, you encourage the Commission to expedite a resolution of the pending petition. Your views will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

The Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau released a Public Notice seeking comment on the carriers' petition, and the comment cycles on the matter have been completed. Commission staff is carefully reviewing the record in the proceeding. In addition, our staff has been in discussions with representatives of Panora and Prairie about their views on the waiver petition. We also will take into consideration the issues and concerns presented by all stakeholders as we work to resolve this proceeding in the near term. I share your concern regarding the length of time this matter has been pending before the agency, and I can assure you that our staff is making every effort to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Ajit" written in a cursive-like script and the last name "Pai" in a more formal, upright style.

Ajit V. Pai